

**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: **Luis M. Ortiz and Kermit D. Lopez**

For: **TRANSACTION BROKER METHOD AND SYSTEM**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

1. Our residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to our name.
2. We believe that we are the true and original inventors of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

***TRANSACTION BROKER METHOD AND SYSTEM***

3. We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.
4. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application as defined by Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.
5. We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Application No.: **60/238,590**

Inventors: **Luis M. Ortiz and Kermit D. Lopez**

Filed: **10/6/2000**

Title: **TRANSACTION BROKER METHOD AND SYSTEM**

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6. We, Luis M. Ortiz and Kermit D. Lopez, are both registered patent attorneys recognized before the USPTO as follows:

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We will prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and to file and prosecute any international patent application filed thereon before any international authorities under the Patent Cooperation Treaty;

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7. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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